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For: **POLARIZING PLATE WITH OPTICAL COMPENSATION FUNCTION,
AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY USING THE SAME**

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the foreign patent documents is attached.

The documents are, or correspond to, documents cited in the specification of the present application. A complete copy of the document "AO" has already been submitted along with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 30, 2004.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits or expiration of the three month period following filing of the above-captioned application.

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and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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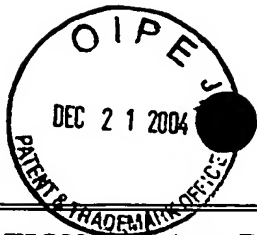
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